

flutes and cutting edges into a tool blank so that a first cutting edge tapered angle is formed along a first portion of said tool blank and a second steeper tapered angle is formed along a second portion of said blank and wherein said step of grinding a second steeper tapered angle further comprises a step of grinding a compound [cure] curve shaped cutting surface along said second portion.

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(AMENDED) A method of forming a step-back eliminating instrument [as in Claim 13] for improved root canal therapy comprising the steps of grinding spiral flutes and cutting edges into a tool blank so that a first cutting edge tapered angle is formed along a first portion of said tool blank and a second steeper tapered angle is formed along a second portion of said blank; programming an automatic flute and cutting edge grinding machine to form said first and second tapered cutting edge tapered angles along flutes and cutting edges extending continuously from said first portion to said second portion; and further [comprises] comprising a step of grinding said second portion in the profile shape of a compound curve having a steeper angle at a distal [top] tip of said cutting instrument.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The objection to Drawing Figure 1 is traversed by labeling Figure 1 as — Prior Art — as shown in red ink on the attached proposed drawing amendment.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

In the Abstract at page 32, line 5 thereof, kindly replace “top” with — tip —.